For Recipients of SNAP, WIC or other USDA or HHS funded services:

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If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint filing cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

For any other information dealing with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) issues, persons should either contact the USDA SNAP Hotline Number at (800) 221-5689, which is also in Spanish or call the State Information/Hotline Numbers (click the link for a listing of hotline numbers by State); found online at http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/contact_info/hotlines.htm.

To file a complaint of discrimination regarding a program receiving Federal financial assistance through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), write: HHS Director, Office for Civil Rights, Room 515-F, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 or call (202) 619-0403 (voice) or (800) 537-7697 (TTY). USDA and HHS are equal opportunity providers and employers.

Civil rights complaints may be filed with the following:

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

EEO/Civil Rights Compliance Branch 275 E. Main St., 5 C-D Frankfort, KY 40621 502-564-7770

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

The Heyburn Building, Suite 700 332 W. Broadway Louisville, KY 40202 800-292-5566

US Department of Agriculture

Director, Office of Adjudication 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 866-632-9992

US Department of Education

Office for Civil Rights 600 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20202-1100 800-421-3481

US Department of Health and Human Services

HHS Director, Office for Civil Rights
Room 515-F, 200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20201
202-619-0403

US Department of Justice

Office of the Assistant Attorney General Civil Rights Division PO Box 65808 Washington, DC 20035-5808 202-514-2151

US Department of Labor

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Atlanta Federal Center, Room 7B75 100 Alabama Street SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303 404-562-2424

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CHFS COMMITMENTS

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services does not discriminate against any person on the basis of political beliefs, race, color, national origin, religion, age, mental or physical disability or sex.

This policy protects the rights of the Cabinet's employees, service applicants and customers.

Vendors, agencies and organizations providing services to the Cabinet or its recipients of federally aided programs must also comply with this policy.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services has made the following commitments:

- ✓ No one applying for or receiving assistance or services will directly, or through contractual or other arrangements, be denied aid, care, services, or other benefits provided by CHFS for which they are eligible.
- ✓ Services will be given in the same manner to all recipients, based on eligibility.
- No one applying for or receiving assistance will be subjected to segregation or different treatment in any matter related to receipt of the assistance.
- No one applying for or receiving assistance will be restricted in any way in the enjoyment of any advantages or privileges enjoyed by others receiving similar services.
- ✓ No one will be given different treatment in determining eligibility or meeting other requirements or conditions that must be met to receive benefits.
- ✓ CHFS will maintain an environment free from any type of harassment or discrimination and will respond promptly and effectively to such complaints.

Any applicant for or recipient of federally aided programs who feels discriminated against may file a complaint of discrimination.

FILING A COMPLAINT

All complaints of discrimination should be forwarded immediately to the EEO/Civil Rights Compliance Branch of the Cabinet's Office of Human Resource Management.

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

EEO/Civil Rights Compliance Branch 275 E. Main St., 5 C-D Frankfort, KY 40621 502-564-7770

You may file a complaint of discrimination at your local office. The allegation will then be forwarded to the Cabinet's EEO/Civil Rights Compliance Branch. The complainant may also file a complaint with an outside agency (listing on back.)

CONFIDENTIALITY

The complainant's identity will be kept confidential except to the extent needed to carry out the investigation and to remain within the confines of the Kentucky Open Records Act.

